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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 13, 2002 and in conjunction with the Appeal Brief submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--36. (Twice Amended) The kit of Claim 35, wherein the ionic detergent is selected from the group consisting of cetyltrimethylammonium bromide, sodium dodecyl sulfate, sodium deoxycholate, 3-[3-colamidopropyl)dimethylamino]-1-propane sulfonic acid. hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide and myristylsulfobetaine.

47. (Twice Amended) The method of Claim 46, wherein the ionic detergent is selected from the group consisting of cetyltrimethylammonium bromide, sodium dodecyl sulfate, sodium deoxycholate, 3-[3-colamidopropyl)dimethylamino]-1-propane sulfonic acid, hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide and myristylsulfobetaine.--